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1. During 1953, plans have been made to produce a medium cross-country car, code name P2, and to develop from this car an amphibian, P2S, and later a limousine, P2L, having the advantage of interchangeable spare parts. 25X1
2. The P2L is to be a successor to the present BMW type and is to go into production in 1954. It will not be a luxury model according to Western standards; it will not have automatic gear shift and will have a high ground clearance (30 cms.) However, it will be useful on very bad roads, such as those in China, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Russia. It is known that the car is unsuitable for Western markets. The great advantage is that it can be converted without difficulty into a front line war vehicle by removing the body, shortening the wheel base, and mounting an open body upon it.
3. Technical details and wooden prototypes of the P2, P2S, and P2L have been approved by Ulbricht, Rau, Stoph, and Weinberger, as well as by the Russian Headquarters in Karlshorst.

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